

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force its affiliates to air the " Stolen Honor" documentary which was obviously ( and shamelessly ) produced for the expressed purpose of slamming Sen. John Kerry near the finish line of the Presidential election , cannot be allowed in all fairness.

If the executives of Sinclair were motivated by genuine political interests rather than cutthroat backstabbing knee-cap busting tactics , they would take two hours from their precious existence and view the PBS Frontline documentary that aired last night ( October 12) which illuminated the entire political careers of both President Bush and Senator Kerry , as well as their Vietnam-era military activities. That documentary was quite neutral and left no ambiguities at all , let alone a taste of political bile, in its thoughtful presentation.

Sinclair needs to be reminded that they and their 60-some television stations do not OWN the airwaves...they license the broadcast spectrum from the American Public. Please note that is not the same as licensing frequencies from American Republicans, to the exclusion of all others. Sinclair is bound by the terms of its FCC licensing to provide fair and balanced reporting of politics, and is further mandated to make every effort to provide equal time for opposing viewpoints in contested races. I am sorry to have to inflict the obvious upon your narrowmindedness, but merely extending to Mr. Kerry an " opportunity" to appear after the showing of " Stolen Honor" to rebut or clarify what was shown in his own interests---at this extreme late date in the campaign schedule no less!!!----- is a sham. It certainly falls outside of any accepted practice of free and fair electioneering...legally , morally , and professionally.

Sinclair's decision to force its affiliates to broadcast " Stolen Honor " is a perversion of democracy. I sincerely hope the FCC and the Federal Elections Commission take swift and sure action to prevent this travesty. This is not about Bush vs. Kerry. This is not about the political becoming personal , becoming vindictive. It's about leading by example when it comes to upholding democracy in the nation that claims to have invented the modern methods for same.

Sinclair Broadcasting, should it go ahead with this broadcast, can be tarred with the brush that says unequivocally it is very Un-American.

Thank you for your time.

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